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At a meeting of the Directors of the Centennial Board of Finance, held at 304 Walnut street, Philadelphia, December 6th, 1882, it was

*Resolved*, That the memorial of the stockholders, herewith submitted, should be referred to a committee to present the same to Congress, and to take such order thereon as said committee may deem advisable.

Hon. Thomas H. Dudley, Amos R. Little, and John Wanamaker were appointed as said committee.

JOHN WELSH,
*President.*

Frederick Fraley,
*Secretary and Treasurer.*

*To the President and Members of the Centennial Board of Finance:*

GENTLEMEN:—The undersigned, a committee representing the subscribers to and holders of the stock issued by the Centennial Board of Finance, do most respectfully submit for your consideration herewith:

*First.*—A memorial to Congress, prepared and signed by many individuals, firms, and corporations residing or doing business outside of the State of Pennsylvania;

*Secondly.*—Transcript copies of joint resolutions passed by the Legislatures of the States of New Jersey and New Hampshire; and

*Thirdly.*—A memorial to Congress, signed by the subscribers to and holders of stock issued by the Board of Finance.

In behalf of said shareholders, and in furtherance of the objects set forth in the memorials and resolutions herewith submitted, we would respectfully request you, as our official representatives, to present our said memorial to Congress, and to take such further steps as you may deem advisable to secure prompt and favorable action upon the same.

We would urge as reasons, in addition to those shown in the memorial itself, for our making this request:—

(1.) That our original subscriptions were made to enable your Board to accomplish the work confided to its care and management by the Federal Commission.

(2.) The Exhibition was held in the name of the United States, and under the supervision of this Federal Commission, the members of which were nominated by the Governors and appointed by the President of the United States to represent each of the States and Territories of the Union. The invitations to all nations and governments to participate therein were extended by the Government of the United States, thus establishing the international as well as the national character of the Exhibition.

(3.) The acceptance of such invitations by various foreign nations, and the general desire of the people of all sections of our own country to participate, made it necessary to provide, at great labor and expense, suitable buildings and appliances for the Exhibition.

(4.) The Centennial Commission and Board of Finance were without the means necessary to accomplish this work, a failure to do which, under the circumstances, would have involved national discredit.

(5.) In that emergency, the financial condition of the country being then much disturbed, the shareholders whom we represent did subscribe and pay for their shares, believing that Congress would not allow them to suffer loss through any deficit in the proceeds of the Exhibition, should such occur.

(6.) The subscriptions thus made and paid for in the early stages of the International Exhibition, did undoubtedly ensure its success, whereby the national credit was preserved, and all the great benefits arising from the Exhibition inured to the people of the whole country, and incidentally, and to a great degree also, to the Government of the United States.

In submitting these memorials to the Board, we, as representing the shareholders, are not ungrateful to our fellow-citizens of other sections of the country, or to the States of New Jersey and New Hampshire, for their earnest and disinterested appeal to Congress in our behalf, and we now trust it will be the pleasure of the Board of Finance, as our official representatives, to invite the early and favorable action of Congress thereon.

Very respectfully and truly yours, &c.,

PHILADELPHIA, November 28th, 1882.

EDWD. C. BIDDLE, *President Westmoreland Coal Co.*
JAS. & JOHN HUNTER, *Fifty-fifth and Paschall streets.*
A. WHITNEY & SONS, *Sixteenth & Callowhill streets.*
WILLIAM MASSEY & CO., *Tenth and Filbert streets.*
CHARLES PLATT,
*President Insurance Co. of North America, 232 Walnut street.*
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E. C. KNIGHT & CO., *S. E. corner Water and Chestnut streets.*
GEORGE PHILLER, *President First National Bank, Phila.*
WALTER G. WILSON, *President Commercial Exchange.*
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THOS. H. MONTGOMERY, *Pres't American Fire Ins. Co.*
GEORGE GILPIN, *President Philadelphia Stock Exchange.*
PANCOAST & MAULE, 245 *South Third street.*
EBEN F. BARKER, *Secretary Pennsylvania Steel Co.*

# MEMORIAL.

*To the Honorable The Senate and House of Representatives of the United States, in Congress assembled.*

Your memorialists do respectfully represent that they subscribed to, paid for, and are holders of stock issued by the Centennial Board of Finance; that such subscriptions were made for the purpose of enabling said Board to erect suitable buildings for the accommodation of the citizens of the United States and of foreign nations, who were invited by the Government of the United States to participate in an international exhibition, held in the City of Philadelphia in the year 1876, in commemoration of the one hundredth anniversary of American independence.

Your memorialists do most respectfully show that the interval of time that has elapsed since such exhibition was held has abundantly verified the predictions that were made as to the benefits likely to accrue therefrom, and that such benefits, which were inestimable, inured to and were distributed among all branches of industry and all the people of the United States.

It is probably known to every one, and if not so, it is susceptible of ready proof, that not only the commercial and manufacturing industries of the country, but its agricultural and mineral interests, were directly and immensely benefited by such exhibition.

While, as stated, the benefits and advantages from the celebration were distributed equally throughout the United States, and enjoyed by all of its citizens, the deficit attending the giving of such exhibition, that is to say, the difference between its receipts and expenses, has been suffered to be borne by your memorialists and their associate stockholders.

In view of the facts as above stated, and by reason not only of the great material advantages which the people of the United States derived from the Exhibition, but the great

honor which its success brought to the United States as a nation, from the other nations of the world, Congress may, with great propriety, and to the satisfaction of the people of the United States, now appropriate a sum equal to the actual deficit arising from the Exhibition, payable to the stockholders of the Centennial Board of Finance.

Your memorialists have reason to believe that the justice and equity of such reimbursement will commend itself to all of their fellow-citizens who may become possessed of the facts in the case, as it has already done to very many persons representing large capital and industries, who have been pleased to memorialize Congress on behalf of your petitioners.

Your memorialists beg leave to present herewith transcripts of resolutions passed by the Legislatures of the States of New Jersey and New Hampshire, respectively, and also a memorial prepared and signed by numerous non-residents of the State of Pennsylvania; and your memorialists do respectfully request, in view of the facts stated, that such relief be accorded to them by your Honorable Body as hereinbefore indicated, so consonant, as is believed, with justice and equity. All of which is respectfully submitted.

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| Kibbe, Chaffee & Co., | | 5,000 00 |
| Randolph & Jenks, | | 5,000 00 |
| Lewis Wharton & Co., | | 10,000 00 |
| Coffin, Altemus & Co., for Coffin & Altemus, | | 5,000 00 |
| B. K. Jamison, | | 500 00 |
| J. E. Kingsley & Co., | | 10,000 00 |
| Strawbridge & Clothier, | | 5,000 00 |
| W. Y. Taylor, estate George E. Taylor, dec'd, per N. A. Taylor, Executor, | N. & G. Taylor Co., | 5,000 00 |
| James Long, | | 5,000 00 |
| David S. Brown & Co., | | 5,000 00 |
| William Simpson & Sons, | | 5,000 00 |
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| Harrison, Havemeyer & Co., | | 5,000 00 |
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| Joseph Lea, for Joseph Lea & Co., | 5,000 00 |
| Westmoreland Coal Co., by Edward C. Biddle, President, | 5,000 00 |
| James Somers Smith, Secretary The Philadelphia Contributionship for the Insurance of Houses from Loss by Fire, | 5,000 00 |
| Stokes, Caldwell & Co., | 5,000 00 |
| S. A. Caldwell, President The Fidelity Insurance, Trust and Safe Deposit Co., | 5,000 00 |
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| Joseph Patterson, | |
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| B. B. Comegys, President The Philadelphia National Bank, | 5,000 00 |
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| James L. Claghorn, President Commercial National Bank of Pennsylvania, | 2,000 00 |
| G. Philler, President First National Bank of Philadelphia, Pa., | 3,000 00 |
| G. M. Troutman, President Central National Bank of Philadelphia, | 2,500 00 |
| R. D. Wood & Co., | 5,000 00 |
| E. M. Lewis, President Farmers' and Mechanics' National Bank of Philadelphia, | 5,000 00 |
| MacKellar, Smiths & Jordan, | 5,000 00 |
| Sharpless & Sons, | 5,000 00 |
| Hood, Bonbright & Co., | 5,000 00 |
| Thomas W. Price Co., | 3,200 00 |
| Amos R. Little & Co., | 5,000 00 |
| Joseph C. Grubb & Co., | |
| Baeder, Adamson & Co., | 5,000 00 |
| Joel J. Baily & Co., | 5,000 00 |
| J. B. Lippincott & Co., | 5,000 00 |
| Jacob Riegel & Co., | 5,000 00 |
| Alan Wood & Co., | 5,000 00 |
| James, Santee & Co., | 5,000 00 |
| Young, Smyth, Field & Co., | 5,000 00 |
| Homer, Colladay & Co., | 5,000 00 |
| John Wanamaker, | 17,500 00 |
| Bailey & Co., | |
| F. L. Levering, | |
| Robbins, Biddle & Co., | 1,000 00 |
| Samuel S. White, by J. W. White, Trustee, | 5,000 00 |
| McCallum, Crease & Sloan, | 3,000 00 |
| J. E. Caldwell & Co., | 2,000 00 |
| Richard Levick, Son & Co., | 1,000 00 |
| Howell & Brother, | 5,000 00 |
| John B. Ellison & Sons, | 14,000 00 |

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| The Pennsylvania Company for Insurances on Lives and Granting Annuities, by Lindley Smyth, President, | $5,000 00 |
| Moss & Co., | 1,000 00 |
| The Provident Life and Trust Company of Philadelphia, by A. S. Wing, Vice-President, | |
| Drexel & Co., | 10,000 00 |
| John Rommel, Jr., President Mechanics' National Bank, | 2,500 00 |
| James & John Hunter, | 5,000 00 |
| James M. Hall, Attorney for William Massey, | 5,000 00 |
| Porter & Coates, | |
| Coates Brothers, | |
| Samuel C. Huey, President The Penn Mutual Life, | 1,000 00 |
| Samuel C. Huey, | |
| E. W. Clark & Co., in liquidation, | |
| D. B. Cummins, President of the Girard National Bank, | 5,000 00 |
| D. B. Cummins, | 1,000 00 |
| Winthrop Smith, | |
| W. Gummere, President of the National Bank of Northern Liberties, | 2,000 00 |
| J. V. Watson, President Consolidation National Bank, | 600 00 |
| M. Baird & Co., in liquidation, | 3,000 00 |
| William Wood & Co., | 5,000 00 |
| John C. Lucas, President Keystone National Bank, | |
| The Insurance Company of the State of Pennsylvania, by Henry D. Sherrerd, President, | 1,000 00 |
| Insurance Company of North America, by Charles Platt, President, | 5,000 00 |
| William H. Horstmann's Sons, | 5,000 00 |
| Ziegler Brothers, | 250 00 |
| Heaton & Denckla, | 500 00 |
| Biddle Hardware Company, | 5,000 00 |
| A. Whitney & Sons, | 5,000 00 |
| Bunting, Durborow & Co., per J. A. Bunting, | 5,000 00 |
| Baker, Arnold & Co., in liquidation, | 2,000 00 |
| George L. Knowles, Executor of A. Campbell, deceased, subscription of A. Campbell & Co., | 5,000 00 |
| Dell Noblit, President Corn Exchange National Bank, | 5,000 00 |
| Noblit, Brown & Noblit, | 1,000 00 |
| Alexander G. Cattell, | |
| Alexander G. Cattell & Co., | |
| Thomas C. Hand, President Delaware Mutual Safety Insurance Company, | 5,000 00 |
| George W. Hill, President American Life Insurance Company, | 5,000 00 |
| George W. Hill, | 750 00 |
| The Phœnix Iron Company, by David Reeves, President, | 4,000 00 |
| James Day Rowland, | |
| Union National Bank, Philadelphia, by D. Faust, President, | 1,200 00 |
| Dr. D. Jayne & Son, | 2,000 00 |
| Stuart & Brother, | 5,000 00 |
| Walter G. Wilson & Co., | |

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| Commercial Exchange, Philadelphia, by Walter G. Wilson, President, | |
| Bowen & Fox, | $1,000 00 |
| National Bank of the Republic, Philadelphia, Pa., by W. H. Rhawn, President, | 2,500 00 |
| William A. Drown & Co., by S. R. Caldwell, attorney, | 1,000 00 |
| Manufacturers' National Bank, John W. Moffly, President, | 2,000 00 |
| Gans, Arnold & Co., | 500 00 |
| Wood, Marsh & Co., | 1,000 00 |
| Wright Brothers & Co., | 1,000 00 |
| Seventh National Bank, Philadelphia, per L. D. Brown, President, | 500 00 |
| Hirsh & Brother, | 500 00 |
| Knickerbocker Ice Co., A. Hunt, President, | 1,000 00 |
| James C. Hand & Co., | 1,000 00 |
| Arad Burrows, Sr., | 100 00 |
| M. S. Shapleigh & Co., | 510 00 |
| Fenton, Thompson & Co., | 1,000 00 |
| Girard Fire and Marine Insurance Company, A. S. Gillett, President, | 2,000 00 |
| T. & J. W. Johnson & Co., | 1,000 00 |
| John Thornley, William Heaton Administrator, | 1,000 00 |
| Frederick Brown, | 500 00 |
| Audenried, Norton & Co., | 1,000 00 |
| Eliza P. Cochran, | |
| Graeff, Rothermel & Co., | 1,000 00 |
| Thomas A. Biddle & Co., | 1,000 00 |
| C. H. Rogers, | 5,000 00 |
| Elliott Sons & Co., | 500 00 |
| Dunn Brothers, | 500 00 |
| Henry Disston Sons's for their employés, | |
| Gillender & Sons, | 250 00 |
| Thomas Dolan & Co., | 5,000 00 |
| Henry Whelen, | 500 00 |
| The Lehigh Coal and Navigation Co., by F. C. Yarnall, Vice-president, | 5,000 00 |
| The American Fire Insurance Company, by Thomas H. Montgomery, President, | 2,500 00 |
| The Philadelphia Stock Exchange, by George Gilpin, President, | 5,000 00 |
| W. E. & E. D. Lockwood, | 1,000 00 |
| P. Lamb, Cashier Southwark National Bank, Philadelphia, | |
| Pancoast & Maule, | 500 00 |
| Pennsylvania Steel Company, by Eben. F. Barker, Secretary, | 2,500 00 |
| Alfred G. Baker, | 1,000 00 |
| Estate of George Fales, Alfred G. Baker, Executor, | 1,000 00 |
| Barcroft & Co., | 1,000 00 |
| Daniel H. Foster, | |

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| Sixth National Bank of Philadelphia, by Jonathan May, President, | $264 24 |
| Hill & Kennedy, | |
| William K. Wilson, | 1 share |
| Commonwealth National Bank, by H. N. Burroughs, | 600 00 |
| H. N. Burroughs, | 100 00 |
| H. Crawford Coates, | 500 00 |
| Pennsylvania Fire Insurance Company, by John Devereux, President, | 1,500 00 |
| The Reliance Insurance Company of Philadelphia, Thomas C. Hill, President, | 1,000 00 |
| The Spring Garden Insurance Company, Nelson F. Evans, President, | 1,000 00 |
| Nelson F. Evans, | 500 00 |
| Robert Smith, | 1,000 00 |
| Garitee, Masten & Allen, successors of Bennett & Co., | 1,000 00 |

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New York, November 18th, 1879.

*Hon. John Welsh, President Centennial Board of Finance, Philadelphia, Pa.,*

Dear Sir:—The undersigned have united with many of their fellow-citizens, actively engaged in business in various sections of the country, in a memorial to Congress, asking "*that the one and a half million dollars appropriated by Congress and subsequently decided by the Supreme Court to be simply a loan by the Government, shall be, by a joint resolution, returned to the parties who contributed the money for the International Exhibition.*"

They regard this return as eminently due to the comparatively small number of persons who contributed not only their money, but also devoted their time and best energies, in behalf of all the people of the United States, in order to make that great Exhibition worthy of the attention of the World and the Centennial Anniversary of the nation, which it so appropriately commemorated.

They believe that upon examination it will appear, that besides the immeasurable benefit which this nation

has derived from the Exhibition, in elevating and stimulating the inventive industry of the people, the immediate and consequent revenue gathered from it into the treasury greatly exceeded the Government appropriation, so that the gift by Congress may justly be regarded as a profitable and most remunerative money investment.

With these convictions, the undersigned respectfully ask the favor of you to respond to the following questions, viz.:—

1st. What revenue, direct or indirect, did the Government receive from the Centennial Exhibition?

2d. Were there not many valuable articles transferred to the Government, the gifts of other nations, through the Exhibition?

3d. What did the State of Pennsylvania and the City of Philadelphia give to promote the success of the Exhibition?

Your kind reply to these questions, and your views upon the special subject of our memorial, will oblige,

Dear sir, your friends and fellow-citizens.

BENJ. B. SHERMAN, *President Mechanics' National Bank.*
J. D. VERMILYE, *President Merchants' National Bank, N. Y.*
WM. L. JENKINS, *Secretary Bank of America, N. Y.*
CHAS. M. FRY, *President Bank of New York, N. B. A.*
JOHN A. STEWART, *President United States Trust Co.*
WM. DOWD, *President Bank of North America.*
WM. H. WICKHAM.
HENRY F. SPAULDING, *President Central Trust Co., N. Y.*
EDWARD HINCKEN, *President Produce Exchange, N. Y.*
BRAYTON IVES, *President New York Stock Exchange.*
NORVIN GREEN, *President Western Union Telegraph Co.*
W. B. DINSMORE, *President Adams Express Co.*
WILSON G. HUNT, *Fourth Avenue and Eighteenth Street.*
C. L. TIFFANY, *of Tiffany & Co., Union Square.*
SINGER MFG. CO., per W. F. PROCTOR, *President.*
FRED. BUTTERFIELD & CO., 476 *and* 478 *Broome Street.*
F. S. WINSTON, *President of the Mutual Life Ins. of N. Y.*
GEO. S. COE, *President Am. Exchange National Bank, N. Y.*
W. A. CAMP, *New York Clearing House.*

PHILADELPHIA, November 22d, 1879.

GENTLEMEN:—I am glad to have the opportunity of replying to the inquiries contained in your letter of the 18th inst., not only as to those questions specifically presented in it, but also to the more general request that I will give you my views of the results produced by the Exhibition of 1876.

At home, the great gathering of the people on that occasion brought them in contact with each other as they had never been before. A much more accurate knowledge of the character of the population of the United States prevailed after the Exhibition than previously, and consequently the happiest effect was produced by an increased respect on the part of the people from the different States for each other. They learned what the resources of each State were, and what were the occupations and pursuits of its inhabitants. How superior were the advantages derived by a portion of them from habits of industry and economy, which contributed to their happiness and reduced their expenses. As these peculiarities are easy of imitation, because of the quick and bright faculties of the American people, every part of the country has been stimulated to new efforts which are proving successful. The strongest testimony has been given of this in the more general distribution through the country of occupations, many of which are ceasing to be, as heretofore, peculiar to one locality. Great good is being derived from a diversified industry, which is tending rapidly to the increase of local independence.

Abroad, no one, who has not had the personal opportunity of witnessing it, can estimate aright the change which the Exhibition produced in the appreciation by the people of the nations represented here as to the character of the American people, and the extent and variety of their resources. Although it was impossible to arouse our own country to a realization of what the Exhibition was to be, the rulers of other countries had the foresight to make provision for a full representation of their products, and, especially, did they desire that accomplished men, experts in the various departments of the arts, sciences, and industries, should be

here to study thoroughly whatever they might find worthy of their notice. So important was it thought by them, that one Emperor and a number of very distinguished men, representing the nations of South America, Great Britain and her Colonies, Europe, Asia, and parts of Africa, were in attendance at the Exhibition. They were received kindly by our people, enjoyed their hospitalities, studied their character, examined critically their productions, traveled extensively through the country, became familiar with our institutions, our internal improvements, our mines, our agricultural resources, &c., &c., and returned to their homes, where now may be found in their reports most elaborate descriptions, which represent us in a light not shadowed by prejudice, and the character and resources of our people and country as they really are. A revolution in sentiment was in this way wrought, which produced not only a full appreciation of our capabilities, but the highest respect for us as a nation, and gave to us a very high rank among the leading powers of the world. No prejudice against the United States of America lingers among them. Beyond this, the knowledge of our products, which was made widely known, has led to a rapidly increasing export of them, so that in almost all the foreign markets articles of American growth and manufacture are continually growing in favor, for, with very few exceptions, they recommend themselves by the excellence of their qualities.

No estimate can be made of the advantages which the United States has gained by the Exhibition. No event in its history has been so fruitful of good. It has made the bonds of amity stronger at home. It has secured to us the greatly increased respect of all the nations of the world. And it has opened to us many markets for our products and manufactures in which the demand for them will annually enlarge.

You have also asked :

1st. What revenue, direct or indirect, did the Government receive from the Centennial Exhibition ?

I am sorry to say, in reply to this question, that no information is attainable which will enable me to answer it. The

articles received for the Exhibition came in by so many different routes, and it being understood that no separate accounts were kept of them, the amount of duties received by the Government can not be accurately determined. The sum was quite large, three hundred thousand dollars having been received in Philadelphia alone.

As to the indirect advantages, they can not be represented in figures. What was learned from the Exhibition by our citizens of the products of other nations; what we gained by the Exhibition in the enlarged markets opened for our products at home and abroad, and the stimulus given to our industry; what was done in the promotion of immigration, and in a multitude of ways affecting beneficially the common interest, could not be represented by many millions of dollars; besides, the material result was in reality greatly short of the moral influence which the United States gained by the Exhibition.

2d. Were there not many valuable articles transferred to the Government, the gifts of the nations through the Exhibition?

Many very valuable articles were presented to the "Smithsonian Institute" and other public institutions. It is understood that from the inability of the "Smithsonian Institute" to display the gifts received by it Congress has caused a new building to be erected at a cost of about three hundred thousand dollars, chiefly for their accommodation.

3d. What did the State of Pennsylvania and the City of Philadelphia give to promote the success of the Exhibition?

The contribution,

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| By the State of Pennsylvania, was . . . . . | $1,050,000 |
| By the City of Philadelphia, was . . . . . | 1,632,000 |

On these no return was made or expected.

The absolute loss incurred by the Stockholders, was

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| By the citizens of Pennsylvania, . . . . . | $1,381,898 40 |
| By the States of New Jersey, New Hampshire, Connecticut, and Delaware, and the citizens of those and other States, . . . . | 406,115 55 |
| Total, | $1,783,013 95 |

It is unnecessary that I should add anything to what I have already said, and yet it may not be amiss to allude to the very great cost incurred by the City of Philadelphia in the necessary preparations for the event, and the large expenditure made by the citizens of Philadelphia in the hospitalities extended by them in every possible form to distinguished strangers during their visit to the Exhibition, none of which were included in the expenses of the Exhibition. As a closing remark, let me say, for the great labor in the preparation for the conducting of and closing up, of the Exhibition, which fell upon the Directors of the Board of Finance, involving three years of very close devotion to it, and personally very considerable expenditure, no charge was made to the Exhibition.

With very great respect,

I am your obedient servant,

JOHN WELSH,

*President of the Centennial Board of Finance.*

To Messrs. Benj. B. Sherman, J. D. Vermilye, Wm. L. Jenkins, Chas. M. Fry, John A. Stewart, Wm. Dowd, Wm. H. Wickham, Henry F. Spaulding, Edw. Hincken, Brayton Ives, Norvin Green, Wm. B. Dinsmore, Wilson G. Hunt, C. L. Tiffany, The Singer Manufacturing Co., per W. F. Proctor, Pres., Fred. Butterfield & Co., F. S. Winston, Geo. S. Coe, W. A. Camp,

*New York.*

*To the Honorable the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States, in Congress assembled:*

Your memorialists most respectfully state, that the Centennial Anniversary of the Independence of the American Colonies was fitly and most appropriately celebrated in the name, and under the auspices of the Government of the United States, in whose behalf invitations were sent to, and accepted by the people of all nations. The able and efficient manner in which that great celebration was organized and conducted, not only reflected credit upon all the people of the United States, but has contributed immeasurably to the improvement of the industries, and to the extension of the trade and commerce of the whole country.

Your memorialists regard it as manifestly unjust that the expenses of an enterprise inuring to the benefit of every citizen, should be borne by a few, and especially by those who contributed freely of their time and energies to secure its success.

Your memorialists, therefore, most earnestly and respectfully ask that the one and a half million of dollars appropriated by Congress, and subsequently decided by the Supreme Court to be simply a loan by the Government, shall be by a joint resolution returned to the parties who contributed the money for the International Exhibition.

Your memorialists deem such legislation as not only just and proper, but as eminently worthy of a Government holding the relations to the world of the United States of America.

And your memorialists will ever pray.

## NEW YORK.

WILLIAM H. MACY,
*Vice-President U. S. Trust Co.*, 49 Wall street, N. Y.

DREXEL, MORGAN & CO., Bankers, 23 Wall street.

TIFFANY & CO., Union Square, N. Y.

THE SINGER MANUFACTURING Co., Union Square (Geo. R. McKinzie, Vice-President).

GORHAM MANUFACTURING CO., Union Square, N. Y. (Edward Holbrook, Agent).

H. J. JEWETT,
*President N. Y., L. E. & W. Ry.*

D. APPLETON & CO., 548 Broadway.

PHELPS, DODGE & CO., 11 and 13 Cliff street.

HARPER & BROS., Franklin Square.

C. H. DeLAMATER & CO., DeLamater Iron Works.

R. HOE & CO., Printing Press, Machine and Saw Manufacturers, 31 Gold street.

EDWD. HINCKEN,
*President N. Y. Exchange*, 3 William street.

H. B. CLAFLIN & CO., 140 Church street.

BRAYTON IVES,
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SENATE, JOINT RESOLUTION, No. 3.

# STATE OF NEW JERSEY.

JOINT RESOLUTION IN REFERENCE TO CLOSING UP THE CENTENNIAL INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITION, HELD IN PHILADELPHIA, A. D. EIGHTEEN HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-SIX.

*Whereas*, The inhabitants of the State of New Jersey, through their representatives in the Senate and General Assembly, did in the year eighteen hundred and seventy-one, pass a joint resolution designating the city of Philadelphia, in the State of Pennsylvania, in which the Declaration of Independence was signed and promulgated, as the proper place to appropriately celebrate the one hundredth anniversary of the same; and did appoint a committee to confer with the authorities of the said city, in reference to the holding of an international exhibition of science, arts, manufactures, and products of the soil and mine;

*And Whereas*, The said International Exhibition was held in the name of and under the auspices of the Government of the United States, in Fairmount Park, city of Philadelphia, in eighteen hundred and seventy-six, it being the Centennial Anniversary year of American Independence and designed to commemorate and perpetuate the memories of the heroes, statesmen and inhabitants of the colonies, who, through their wisdom, great sufferings, and sacrifices achieved independence, established for the inhabitants thereof constitutional government, and registered it upon the roll of the family of nations as the Government of the United States of America, in which name the people of all

nations and Governments were cordially invited to attend and participate in said International Exhibition;

*And Whereas*, The invitation was accepted by all nations, who were represented through government officials and their people, bearing with them specimens of art and the products of the intelligent industries of their respective countries in their greatest perfection;

*And Whereas*, The large attendance and display by the people of all nations upon that occasion was not only complimentary to the memories of the founders of this Republic but highly instructive to the people of the United States; and produced the most beneficial effects upon the commercial, manufacturing, and agricultural industries of the country, and was of incalculable influence in promoting sentiments of peace and good-will among the people of all the States of the American Union, as well as in elevating our country in the estimation of all nations who participated with us;

*And Whereas*, The contribution of one million dollars by the State of Pennsylvania, and one million five hundred thousand dollars by the city of Philadelphia, with the uniform courtesy and generous and liberal hospitality extended to the nation's invited guests during their attendance at the Exhibition, by the citizens of that city, should be deemed by the people of the United States as a liberal and generous contribution in support of the honor and dignity of the nation;

*And Whereas*, The large amount necessary to defray the expenses of the commissioners appointed by the President of the United States, the proper officers, judges, and police force for the protection of the amount of valuable property on exhibition by all nations, was an unavoidable expenditure, as also for erection of spacious buildings adapted to no other purpose, which buildings were sold at the close of the Exhibition, at a nominal price;

*And Whereas,* In view of the large contributions made by the State of Pennsylvania, the city and citizens of Philadelphia, to insure the success of the Exhibition, and the fact that the people of the entire nation have and will continue to share alike its honors and its benefits, it is but proper that the Government of the United States should bear a reasonable proportion of the expense, of which the balance due to stockholders is but a small amount; therefore,

1. Be it Resolved, *By the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey,* That the United States Senators from the State of New Jersey be and are hereby instructed and the Representatives in Congress requested, to ascertain the balance due to the subscribers to the Centennial Board of Finance; and to prepare and support an act appropriating the same from the treasury of the United States.

2. And be it Resolved, That the Governors of the other twelve of the thirteen original States be requested to send copies of this preamble and resolution to the Senators and Representatives of their respective States, requesting them to use their influence to have the great Centennial Anniversary of our nation's Independence closed up consistently with the honor and dignity of a nation holding so high a position in the estimation of the civilized world.

3. And be it Resolved, That the Governor of this State be and is hereby requested to transmit engrossed copies of this preamble and resolution to the President of the United States, Vice-President, and Speaker of the House of Representatives, and to the Governors of the twelve States aforesaid.

Approved March 14th, 1878.

State of New Jersey, }
Department of State, }

I, Henry C. Kelsey, Secretary of State of the State of New Jersey, *Do Hereby Certify*, that the foregoing is a true copy of a Joint Resolution passed by the Legislature of this State, and approved by the Governor the fourteenth day of March, A. D. 1878, as taken from and compared with the original, now on file in my office.

*In Testimony Whereof*, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal, at Trenton, this seventeenth day of November, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-nine.

[seal] Henry C. Kelsey, *Secretary of State.*

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State of New Jersey,

I, George B. McClellan, Governor of the State of New Jersey, *Do Hereby Certify*, that Henry C. Kelsey, Esq., who hath signed the annexed certificate, and whose official seal is thereto annexed, was, at the doing thereof, and now is, Secretary of State of the State of New Jersey, duly appointed, commissioned, and sworn, and that full faith and credit are to be given to his official attestations; that the said signature is in the proper handwriting of the said Henry C. Kelsey, and the seal his seal of office, and that the said certificate is in due form of law, and by the proper officer.

*In Testimony Whereof*, I have hereunto set my hand, and caused the Great Seal of the State of New Jersey to be hereunto affixed, at the City of Trenton, in said State, this seventeenth day of November, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-nine, and of the Independence of the United States the one hundred and fourth.

By the Governor, Geo. B. McClellan.

[seal] *Henry C. Kelsey, Secretary of State.*

# STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

*In the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Seventy-Nine.*

JOINT RESOLUTION IN REFERENCE TO CLOSING UP THE CENTENNIAL INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITION, HELD IN PHILADELPHIA, A. D. 1876.

RESOLVED, By the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

*Whereas*, The inhabitants of the State of New Hampshire through their representatives in the Senate and General Assembly, did in the year eighteen hundred and seventy-one, pass a joint resolution designating the city of Philadelphia, in the State of Pennsylvania, in which the Declaration of Independence was signed and promulgated, as the proper place to appropriately celebrate the one hundreth anniversary of the same; and did appoint a committee to confer with the authorities of the said city, in reference to the holding of an International Exhibition of science, arts, manufactures, and products of the soil and mine;

*And Whereas*, The said International Exhibition was held in the name of and under the auspices of the Government of the United States, in Fairmount Park, city of Philadelphia, in eighteen hundred and seventy-six, it being the Centennial Anniversary Year of American Independence, and designed to commemorate and perpetuate the memories of the heroes, statesmen, and inhabitants of the colonies,

who through their wisdom, great sufferings, and sacrifices, achieved Independence, established for the inhabitants thereof constitutional government, and registered it upon the roll of the family of nations as the Government of the United States of America, in which name the people of all nations and governments were cordially invited to attend and participate in said International Exhibition ;

*And Whereas,* The invitation was accepted by all nations, who were represented through government officials and their people, bearing with them specimens of art and the products of the intelligent industries of their respective countries in their greatest perfection ;

*And Whereas,* The large attendance and display by the people of all nations upon that occasion was not only complimentary to the memories of the founders of this Republic, but highly instructive to the people of the United States, and produced the most beneficial effects upon the commercial, manufacturing and agricultural industries of the country, and was of incalculable influence in promoting sentiments of peace and good-will among the people of all the States of the American Union, as well as elevating our country in the estimation of all nations who participated with us ;

*And Whereas,* The contribution of one million dollars by the State of Pennsylvania, and one million five hundred thousand dollars by the city of Philadelphia, with the uniform courtesy and generous and liberal hospitality extended to the nation's invited guests during their attendance at the Exhibition by the citizens of that city, should be deemed by the people of the United States as a liberal and generous contribution in support of the honor and dignity of the nation ;

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*And Whereas*, In view of the large contributions made by the State of Pennsylvania, the city and citizens of Philadelphia, to insure the success of the Exhibition, and the fact that the people of the entire nation have and will continue to share alike its honors and its benefits, it is but proper that the Government of the United States should bear a reasonable proportion of the expense, of which the balance due to stockholders is but a small amount; therefore be it

Resolved, By the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Hampshire: That the United States Senators from the State of New Hampshire be and are hereby instructed, and the Representatives in Congress requested to ascertain the balance due to the subscribers to the Centennial Board of Finance, and to prepare and support an act appropriating the same from the Treasury of the United States; And be it

Resolved, That the Governors of the other twelve of the thirteen original States be requested to send copies of this preamble and resolution to the Senators and Representatives of their respective States, requesting them to use their influence to have the great Centennial Anniversary of our nation's independence closed up consistently with the honor and dignity of a nation holding so high a position in the estimation of the civilized world; and be it

Resolved, That the Governor of this State be and hereby is requested to transmit an engrossed copy of this preamble and resolution to the President of the United States, Vice-President and Speaker of the House of Representatives, and engrossed copies to Governors of the twelve States as aforesaid. That we fully adopt said preamble, and the Senators and Representatives in Congress, from the State of New

HAMPSHIRE, are requested to ascertain the balance due to subscribers to the Centennial Board of Finance, and to prepare and support an act appropriating the same from the treasury of the United States ; and be it

RESOLVED, That the Governor of this State be and he is hereby requested to transmit engrossed copies of the aforesaid preamble and resolutions to the President and Vice-President of the United States, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the Governors of the several States.

HENRY H. HUSE,
*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*
J. H. GALLINGER,
*President of the Senate.*

Approved July 19th, 1879.

NATT HEAD,
*Governor.*

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE,

*Secretary's Office*, Concord, August 4th, 1879.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a correct copy of the original joint resolution. In testimony whereof, I have hereunto subscribed my official signature, and affixed the seal of the State.

SEAL

A. B. THOMPSON,
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